GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Revenue Department – Allegation of Corruption against Sri G. Ranganath, VRO, Guttur Village, Penukonda Mandal, Anantapuramu District – Trapped by ACB on 23.09.2017 – Convicted by the Special Judge for Trial of SPE & ACB Cases, Kurnool in CC No.07/2019, Dt: 11.10.2023 - Dismissal from Service – Orders – Issued.

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REVENUE (VIGILANCE.V) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 187 Dated: 12-09-2024

Read the following:-

1. Final report from the D.G., ACB, Cr.No.148/RCT-ATP/2017, Dt:14.11.2018.
2. G.O.Ms.No.07, Revenue (Vig.III) Department, Dated:07.01.2019.
3. Judgment Dated 11-10-2023 in C.C.No.07/2019 of the Special Judge for Trial of SPE & ACB Cases, Kurnool.
4. From the D.G., ACB, Lr.Rc.No.148/RCT-ATP/ 2017, Dated:28.12.2023.

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ORDER:

Whereas it was brought to the notice of the Government that Sri G. Ranganath, VRO, Guttur Village, Penukonda Mandal, Anantapuramu District was trapped by the ACB authorities on 23.09.2017 when he demanded and accepted bribe of Rs.5,000/- from the complainant for doing official favour of processing the application of the Pattadar Pass Books of the complaint.

2. And whereas, in the reference 1st read above, the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, has furnished final report and recommended to prosecute the A.O., Sri G. Ranganath, VRO, Guttur Village, Penukonda Mandal, Anantapuramu District in a court of law for the offence punishable under Section 7 and Section 13 (2) r/w Section 13(1) (d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

3. And whereas, in the reference 2nd read above, Government after careful examination of the matter, accorded sanction to prosecute Sri G. Ranganath, VRO, Guttur Village, Penukonda Mandal, Anantapuramu District in a court of law for the aforesaid offences publishable under Section 7 and Section 13 (1)(d) r/w Section 13(2) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Central Act 49 of 1988).

4. And whereas, in the reference 4th read above, the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, A.P., Vijayawada has reported that the Special Judge for Trial of SPE & ACB Cases, Kurnool delivered the Judgment on 11.10.2023 in C.C.No.07/2019 convicting the AO Sri G. Ranganath, VRO, Guttur Village, Penukonda Mandal, Anantapuramu District and sentenced to suffer rigorous imprisonment for a period of 2 (two) years and also liable to pay a fine of Rs.20,000/- (Rupees twenty thousand only) for the offence punishable U/s.7 of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988. In default of payment of fine, accused officer shall undergo simple imprisonment for a period of two months. He is also sentenced to suffer rigorous imprisonment for a period of 3 (three) years and also liable to pay a fine of Rs.30,000/- (Rupees thirty thousand only) for the offence U/s.13(1)(d) r/w 13(2)of Prevention of Corruption Act,1988. In default of payment of fine, accused officer shall undergo simple imprisonment for a period of three months. Both the sentences were ordered to run concurrently.

5. The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau has therefore requested the Government to dismiss the Accused Officer Sri Gangappagari Ranganath, Village Revenue Officer, Guttur Village, Penukonda Mandal, Ananthapuram District from Government service on the ground of conduct which led to his conviction on a Criminal charge under Rule 25 of APCS (C.C.&A) Rules, 1991 without any notice.

6. The Special Judge for Trial of SPE & ACB Cases, Kurnool delivered the judgment on 11-10-2023 in CC No.07/2019 as follows (Operative Portion):

> "In the result, Accused Officer is found guilty for the offences punishable under Secs.7 and 13(1)(d) r/w 13(2) of prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and he is convicted under Sec.248(2) Cr.P.C. Bail bonds of Accused Officer are cancelled forthwith.
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> Accused officer is sentenced to suffer rigorous imprisonment for a period of 2 (two) years and also liable to pay a fine of Rs.20,000/- (Rupees twenty thousand only) for the offence punishable U/s.7 of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988. In default of payment of Fine, accused officer shall undergo simple imprisonment for a period of two months."

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He is also sentenced to suffer rigorous imprisonment for a period of 3 (three) years and also liable to pay a fine of Rs.30,000/- (Rupees thirty thousand only) for the offence U/s.13(1)(d) r/w 13(2)of Prevention of Corruption Act,1988. In default of payment of fine, accused officer shall undergo simple imprisonment for a period of three months.

Both the substantive sentences of imprisonment imposed against accused officer shall run concurrently.

Imprisonment if any undergone by AO shall be given a set off as per the provisions of Sec.428 Cr,P.C.

Total fine amount payable by accused is Rs.20,000/- + Rs.30,000/- = Rs.50,000/-(Rupees fifty thousand only).

7. And whereas, on consideration of facts and circumstances of the case, Government have decided that the major penalty of dismissal from Government service shall be imposed on Sri Gangappagari Ranganath, Village Revenue Officer, Guttur Village, Penukonda Mandal, Ananthapuram District in terms of G.O.Ms.No.02, G.A (Ser-C) Dept., dt:04-01-1999 with immediate effect.

8. Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under clause (x) of Rule 9 read with clause (i) of Rule 25 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 and G.O.Ms.No.2, General Administration (Service-C) Department, dt:04-01-1999, Government hereby dismiss Sri Gangappagari Ranganath, Village Revenue Officer, Guttur Village, Penukonda Mandal, Ananthapuram District with immediate effect in view of the conviction of the Accused Officer vide Judgment on 11.10.2023 in C.C.No.07/2019 by the Special Judge for Trial of SPE & ACB Cases, Kurnool.

9. The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada/ the Collector & District Magistrate, Kurnool shall take necessary further action accordingly and furnish the compliance report to the Government, immediately.

10. The following Notification shall be published in the extraordinary issue of the Andhra Pradesh Gazette, dated:12-09-2024.

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred under clause (x) of Rule 9 read with clause (i) of Rule 25 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 and G.O.Ms.No.2, General Administration (Service-C) Department, dated 04-01-1999, the Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby dismiss Sri Gangappagari Ranganath, Village Revenue Officer, Guttur Village, Penukonda Mandal, Ananthapuram District from Government service, with immediate effect, in view of the conviction of the Accused Officer vide Judgment on 11.10.2023 in C.C.No.07/2019 by the Special Judge for Trial of SPE & ACB Cases, Kurnool.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

R.P.SISODIA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNEMNT

To
Sri Gangappagari Ranganath, Village Revenue Officer, Guttur Village, Penukonda Mandal, Ananthapuram District through the Collector & District Magistrate, Kurnool.

The Collector & District Magistrate, Kurnool (with a request to serve the G.O. on the individual and send the served copy with dated signature to the Government for record).

The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P, Vijayawada.
The Commissioner of Printing, Stationery & Stores Purchase, Vijayawada (with a request to publish the G.O. in the extraordinary Gazette and furnish 10 copies to Government and the Dist. Collector, Kurnool)

Copy to:-
The Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner, APVC, Velagapudi.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, A.P., Vijayawada.
Sf/Sc.

//FORWARDED::BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER